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Response to Amendment

1. Newly submitted claims 1-20 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The amended method is a three party transaction. In contrast, The originally presented claims were directed to a two party transaction.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2. The reply filed on 5-10-2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): As amended, no claim remain which are directed to invention as originally presented. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

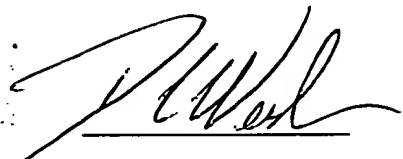
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